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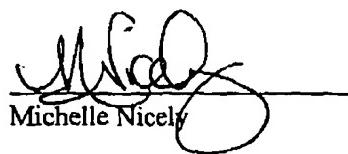
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In re application of:

PHILIP E. EGGERS et al.

Application No.: 09/314,247

Filed: May 18, 1999

For: **SYSTEM FOR TREATING  
ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS**

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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

Applicant received the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed August 22, 2003 for the subject application. The Notice of Allowability indicates the allowed claims are 80, 82, 84, 85, 87-90, 94-99, 102, 103, 105, 106, 108-114, 116, 117, 122-131, 133-136 and 139-143, and does not make reference to new claims 144-151 which were added in Applicant's Amendment dated April 22, 2002 (filed along with an RCE).

Applicant respectfully requests clarification of the status of the allowed claims. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

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